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RE:

NEW YORK LETTER TO BUREAU, APRIL 10, 1962



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MUSIC: THEME

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MARY: Poor Jerry. I know just how he feels.

BESS: We've all got to be practical about this, Mary. If Jim is transferred, Jerry would be the logical man to take his place. It might even be possible then for you and Jerry ... for you and Jerry to get....

MARY: I know, Mrs. Robbins. But we'd both rather have things go along as they are if only they'll let you and Mr. Robbins stay here.. Jerry and I are both young, and we can afford to wait a while before we think seriously about getting married. But you and Mr. Robbins...

BESS: We're getting on in Years? Is that what you mean, Mary?

MARY: No, Mrs. Robbins. I don't think you and Mr. Robbins will ever really get old. I...I just meant that you've been here so long now, and Mr. Robbins' very life is so wrapped up in the Forest here that it doesn't seem right that...Oh, I guess I've made a mess of trying to explain what I feel.

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BESS: No, you're sweet, Mary. But please don't worry any more about it. Maybe things will work out all right. In any event, Jim's a good soldier and he'll be able to take hold wherever he's put.

MARY: Where are they now? I mean Mr. Robbins and Jerry?

BESS: Well, Jim was about to start on an inspection trip to the look-out stations when the telegram came. But he decided it would be wisest to stay fairly close so he and Jerry went to look over that road project near North Fork. They ought to be on their way back home, though, (FADE) by now.

PAUSE:

SOUND:OF CAR MOTOR(SUSTAIN)

JIM: Why so quiet, Jerry? You haven't said anything since we left the project.

JERRY: Doggone it, Jim! How can you be so calm and cool about all this any way?

JIM: I don't see any use in getting all het up, Jerry. If I'm to be transferred, well, I'll be transferred, that's all there is to it.

JERRY: But, Jim, after all the years and all the work you've put in on the Pine Cone. Good gravy, they don't think you need broader experience, do they? That's one of the reasons why the Forest Service transfers men around.

JIM: We oughtn't go off half cooked, Jerry. The telegram only said I was to prepare to go to a new job, you remember. That could mean anything. They might have a place in mind where I can use what experience I've gotten here through the years. Where I can help out a bit, maybe. Don't forget, there's a war on....



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the matter and he'll be able to take care of it.

Now, what about that? I mean Mr. Robinson and his

thing, I was about to start on an investigation into the

business matters when the telegram came. But as

soon as I heard the story fairly close to the mark, I

thought that was just what I needed. I was

in a pretty bad way, though, (HARRIS) by the way.

(HARRIS) (HARRIS)

What about that, Jerry? You haven't said anything since then.

Well, I'm not sure.

What's it, Jim? How can you be so calm and so

sure?

I don't see any one in getting all hot and bothered.

Well, I'll be interested, that's all.

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the time I've spent, they don't think I'm

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1. JERRY: Yeah, Jim, but what about this forest? I don't believe it could  
2. ever be the same without you. Why, Jim, every improvement and  
3. development in here, the trails and the roads, our wildlife, the  
4. recreation areas and the forest plantations, every bit of it is  
5. the result of your nursing this district along from its  
6. back-woods days...I...I didn't mean to make a speech but that's  
7. the way I feel about it.

8. JIM: Well, Jerry, if they do transfer me away from the Pine Cone I  
9. reckon I'd miss you as much as I would anything. But my vote's  
10. in for you to take over here if I leave. It might even be the  
11. chance you and Mary have been looking for to get married. Did  
12. you think about that?

13. JERRY: Jim, I don't think I'd want to stay on here without you. And,  
14. by George, I'll tell 'em so, too.

15. JIM: Easy, Jerry. The Forest Service knows what it's doing. I'm  
16. sure there's a good reason for whatever they have in mind.

17. JERRY: Yeah, I suppose so.

18. JIM: I think all in all, things are in pretty good shape on the  
19. district, Jerry. The fire organization is going to be a plenty  
20. tough problem, this year, but you won't have any trouble  
21. handling our timber sales, and the road construction plans are  
22. right up to snuff. As a matter of fact, Jerry, you've done most  
23. of the actual work on all of it.

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1. JERRY: Yeah! But I doubt if I'd have accomplished very much without  
2. knowing that you were standing right behind me ready to snap me  
3. out of it if I took the wrong step. And there's another thing,  
4. Jim.

5. JIM: What's that, Jerry?

6. JERRY: I'm thinking about all the help you've given to folks around  
7. the National Forest country here...Helping them to practice  
8. good forestry on their own lands, and all. They'll miss you,  
9. too, Jim.

10. JIM: I don't think so, Jerry. A program of forestry doesn't depend  
11. on any one person. It takes thousands - millions of people -  
12. working together to put conservation across on a scale that's  
13. worth while, on a national scale. All I've been able to do is  
14. help a few people around here. They'll go on practicing good  
15. forestry. I know they will.

16. JERRY: O.K. Jim. I hope so.

17. JIM: Well, we'll be home soon. I guess Bess is feeling kinda low  
18. about that telegram.

19. JERRY: I'll bet she doesn't let on, though, not Mrs. Robbins...Say,  
20. Jim, when do you think you'll hear more about this new job?

21. JIM: The sooner the better as far as I'm concerned, Jerry. (FADE)  
22. Maybe there'll be something in today's mail.

23. MUSICAL INTERLUDE:

24. TELEPHONE RINGS

25. BESS: Stay where you are, Jim. I'll answer it.

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JIM: Thanks, Bess.

RECEIVER OFF

BESS: Hello. This is the Ranger Station..Who?..Oh, Mr. Devonshire. How are you?...Yes, Jim's here...What's that?...*(LAUGHS)* Well, are you speaking for yourself or as the Editor of the Clarion? ...Of course it makes a difference, Mr. Devonshire. Jim says there's been too much publicity as it is, with nothing at all sure about a transfer...

JIM: Let me talk to Harry, Bess.

BESS: Here's Jim, now. He wants to talk to you...Remember me to Mrs. Devonshire. Well, thanks...All right, Jim.

JIM: Hello, Harry...Huh? ...Why I feel fine, of course...The transfer! No, nothing new on that yet. Jerry's gone to town after the mail. Ought to be back soon...Yeah...

BESS: Jerry's coming now, Jim. And Mary's with him. They're both running, and Jerry's waving a letter over his head...

JIM: Hold on a minute, Harry. Looks like Jerry's coming with the news...Huh?...Sure, just hang on, Harry...

JERRY: *(COMING ON BREATHLESS)* Rushed back as fast as I could, Jim. This letter here, direct from the Regional Office, ought to tell us something.

MARY: *(BREATHLESS)* Whew! We ran almost all the way, Mrs. Robbins.

BESS: Well, Jim Robbins, aren't you going to open that letter? We'll never know what's in it if you just keep standing there staring at it in your hands.





1. JIM: Now, Bess...

2. JERRY: (SOFTLY) Want me to read it, Jim?

3. JIM: Yeah, I reckon maybe you'd better, Jerry.

4. MARY: Hurry, Jerry. Read it out loud. Now, why are you shaking so?

5. SOUND: OF PAPER TEARING

6. JERRY: Take it easy, Mary. Don't rush me. (MUMBLES) District Ranger  
7. Jim Robbins...special assignment...Washington...Immediately...

8. (ALoud) Well, I'll be jiggered! Wow! What do you think of the

9. MARY: Jerry quick, if you don't read that letter to us this minute,  
10. I'll ... I'll ....

11. JERRY: All right! Listen now! District Ranger James Robbins, U. S.  
12. Forest Service, Winding Creek...

13. BESS: Jerry, please!

14. JERRY: I'm sorry, Mrs. Robbins...Well, here's what it says...(READS)  
15. In line with the wartime policy of the Forest Service to adjust  
16. manpower to war needs according to the abilities and  
17. qualifications of our various personnel, it is requested that  
18. you report immediately for a special assignment to the Chief's  
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MARY: Oh, Mr. Robbins! I think that's wonderful!

JIM: (CLEARS THROAT) It's sorta got me tongue-tied...Now, Bess, what are you crying for? Here, stop that nonsense.

BESS: I'm all right, Jim...It's just that I've been so afraid we'd be transferred permanently. Everything's fine, now. I'm very happy for you, Jim.

JERRY: Say, who the dickens left this telephone receiver dangling here, off the hook?

JIM: Good gravy. I plumb forgot Harry Devonshire was holding on... Here, give me that, Jerry...Hello...Hello, Harry? Hello! Well of all the ungrateful, uninterested newspaper editors I've ever.....

JERRY: What's the matter, Jim?

JIM: What's the matter? Why, good gravy, Jerry. Here I am with jst just the story Harry wanted...Local Forest Ranger called to Washington to help run the war...or something..and what does he do? He hangs up on me....

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